

REMARKS

Claim 15 has been amended to include the typographical error, replacing "array" with "area." Moreover, antecedent basis is provided for insulator in the periphery and over the memory area. In addition, the fact that the insulator is over said periphery and the memory area is clarified.

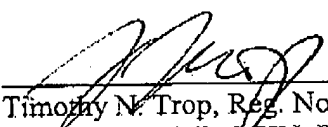
With respect to the inquiry of how a single groove could be formed over a plurality of memory cells, it is believed that this is with reference to the use of the word "array," instead of "area."

With respect to the issue of the insulator in said periphery being unclear because none of the parent claims disclosed an insulator formed in the periphery, the language has been changed to an insulator over the periphery and antecedent basis for insulator being over both the memory area and the periphery is provided in claim 15.

Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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